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Controverſie of the Lord  
Against The *F. b. 138. vol II*  
Priests of the Nations  
AND  
Teachers of the People,

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Who are in the VVay of *Cain* and *Balaam*, in Sin,  
Pride and Covetousness, yet leaning upon the Lord,  
and have a Profession of Religion, a Form of  
Worship, but deny the Power of God.

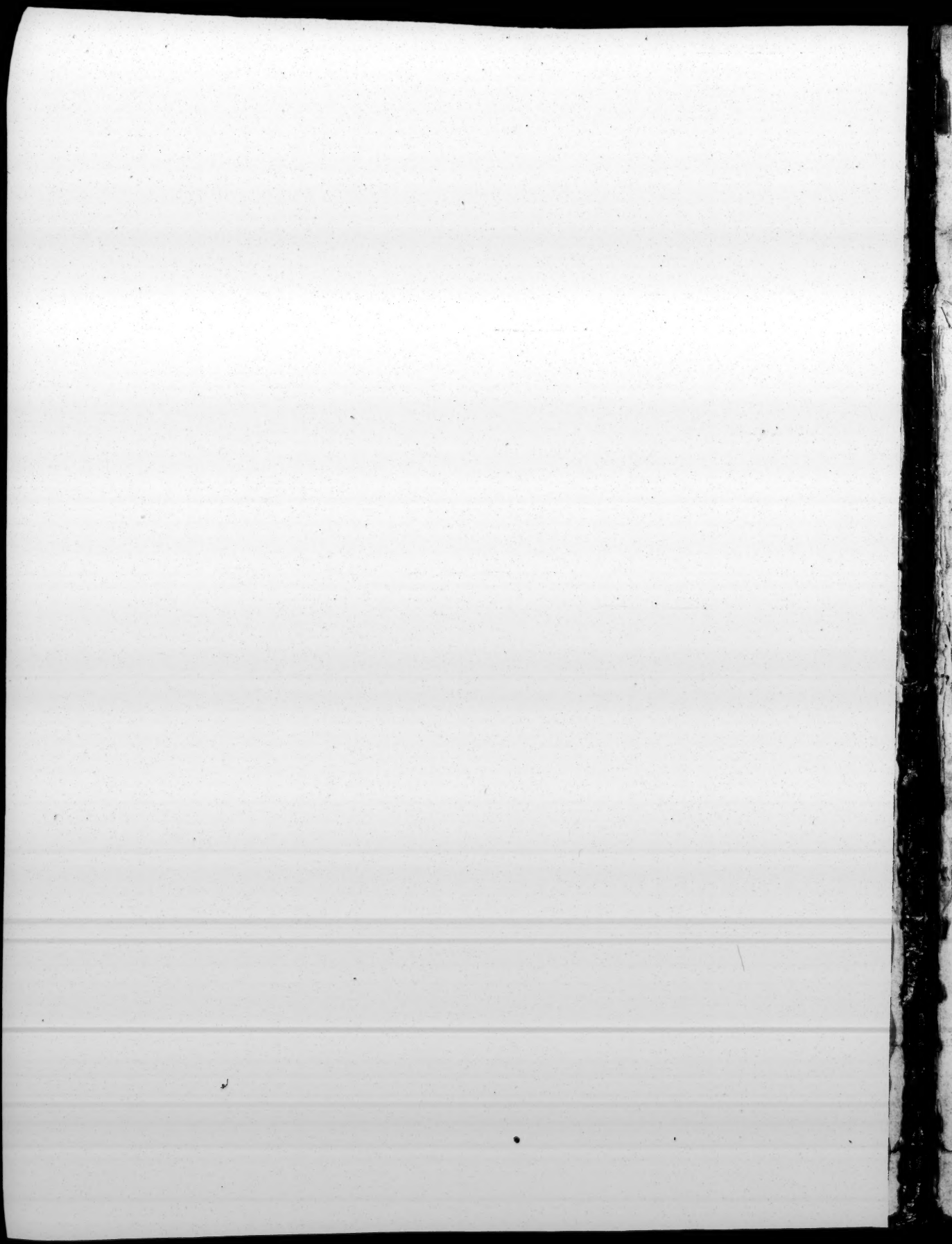
With a Testimony from the Spirit of God to all such as  
desire to know the Mind of God, &c.

Also an Exhortation to all People under what Name or  
Form of Religion soever.

Also a Warning from the Lord unto all you Informers,  
who are found Fighters against God.

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# The Controversie of the Lord against the Priests of the Nations, &c.

**I**N the feeling of God's eternal Power, I have Time after Time come into some of your Worship Houses, and a Testimony to the Worship of God that is in Spirit and Truth I have born, which God is establishing and setting on the Top of all false Worship; and now do the Saints of the most high God rejoyce over all you Merchants of *Babylon*, your Confusion is discovered, your Nakedness is made manifest, the Day of God is broken forth, all upon whom it is risen see your Nakedness: Against your Worship and Practice I have in the Authority of God's Power born Testimony; confounded, overturned and brought to nothing shall you all be, the Decree of God is sealed concerning you.

Howl and mourn, for your Desolation hasteneth, your Calamity approacheth, yea, it cometh speedily upon you, ye shall not escape it, except ye repent, the Mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Ye who account your selves Teachers of the People, over whose Hearts the Vail of Darkness is, and thick Darkness covers you, so that ye see not when Good cometh, who are ignorant of the Work of the Lord, and know not his powerful Day that is broken forth, who are not acquainted with his Power, that hath shaken the Earth and the Heavens also but are covered with the Clouds of the Night, working in the Dark, forming a Way and Worship, in which ye pretend to worship God, but ye set up the Works of your own Hands,

and against the Way and Worship of God ye rise up in Opposition, but before his mighty Power ye shall all fall, ye Potsherds of the Earth.

The Lord hath poured forth of his Spirit (according to his Promise) upon Sons and Daughters, and they prophesie in his Name the utter Ruin and Destruction of *Babylon*, and you the Merchants thereof, who have made the Nations drunk with the Cup of your Abominations, and the People stagger like drunken Men, and are unstable, as Waters tossed to and fro, following your windy Doctrines, by which their Minds are corrupted, and they are led by you into Confusion and Darknes, the true and living God they know not, neither can you direct them how they may come to know the Lord: you who have not been taught of God, neither have learned of Christ (the Husband) are as the silly Women, unlearned, ignorant and unstable, so never come to know the Truth; ye have not a Word to say to the People from God, you who are in *Adam*, in the Fall, where all dyed, unto you belongs Wrath; Indignation from God is to come upon you all who are in this Estate, your Sacrifices, your preaching and praying, and whatsoever ye perform in this Spirit, it's all Abomination unto God, his Soul loathes it; yea, he abhors the Offering that is offered up by you, who Day by Day grieve his Spirit by rebelling against it, quenching and disobeying the Motions of it, which in you all testifies against Unrighteousness, and is given you to lead out of it into that which is righteous and good; so if you give up to be led by it, it will (as you follow it) lead you out of Pride, Deceit, Covetousness and Envy, and whatsoever you have been led into by the Enemy of your Souls, who hath led you Captive at his Will, and you have brought forth from the Birth that is carnal evil Fruits, by which you are made manifest; for the Tree is known by the Fruit it brings forth.

All you who are of the first earthly *Adam* in Sin and Transgression, who are the Wolves in Sheeps Clothing, having stolen Christ's and the Saints Words, and made a Trade of them, and sell them out with your own Inventions for Money, measuring

furing them by the Hour glafs; and if either Son or Daughter  
 by the Spirit of the Lord be moved to come into your Wor-  
 ship houses, to call you to come out of your false and idolatrous  
 VVorship, to warn you to repent, to cease from your own  
 VVords, to come out of Deceit, to labour with your Hands,  
 to be content with such things as you have of your own, to come  
 into Obedience to the Light, the Measure of God's Spirit that  
 he hath given to you all to profit with, that ye may all come  
 to worship God in Spirit and in Truth, then do ye appear in  
 the Wolves Nature, being filled with Wrath and Envy, Cru-  
 elty and Persecution, stirring up the People to put us out of  
 your Worship Houses, and to lay violent Hands on us, causing  
 the People to be dispersed, by which our Testimony (as much  
 as in you lyes) hath been stopped, and the Spirit of the Lord  
 hath been grieved through your unchristian and inhuman Pra-  
 ctices, by which ye have proved your selves to be no Ministers  
 of Christ: The Ministers of Christ were and are gentle, easie  
 to be entreated, ready to give an Account of the Hope that was  
 in them; but you are in the Gall of Bitterness, your Modera-  
 tion doth not appear to all Men, but ye appear to all People  
 who are of a sound Mind to be such who preach for Doctrine  
 the Traditions of Men; for when such who are sent of God  
 come amongst you, ye are sound as Hay, Chaff and Stubble  
 before the Fire, your windy Doctrine compacted together in  
 your vain airy Mind, you cannot then vindicate, neither can you  
 stand before such, so terrible is the Day of the Lord which is  
 come upon you, ye blind Guides, who cause the People to err  
 by your Lyes and Lightness; ye deceive the Simple, telling the  
 People, *They cannot be free from Sin while on this Side the Grave,*  
 laying before them the Saints Conditions in their Warfare, but  
 not their Victory; for though *Paul knew a Law in his Mem-*  
*bers warring against the Law of his Mind,* yet he also came to  
 know Victory; for he said, *In him we are more* Rom. 8. 1, 2.  
*then Conquerors; and there is no Condemnation to*  
*them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the Flesh, but*  
*after the Spirit; and David said, I hate vain Thoughts, but*  
*thy Law do I love;* ye are alwayes confessing that you are all in  
 Sin,

Sin, and polluted from the Crown of the Head to the Sole of the Foot, and in Sin ye continue, never knowing Deliverance, not coming to Victory, alwayes under Satan's Power, keeping People in a State of Condemnation, perswading them in that State they must remain while they are in this Life.

Now Sin destroyes the Souls of People, if in Sin they continue they perish eternally; *for the Wages of Sin* Rom. 6.23. *are Death*; If you in this Unbelief continue, and *yild your selves Servants to Sin, his Servants ye are to whom ye obey*; so if you serve the Devil, and do his VVork, you must have your Reward with him in utter Darknes forever; and if People believe you, and sin while they are here, they must with you be turned into Hell, the Reward of all that forget God.

So this is a Warning from the Lord through me his servant unto you, who are blind Guides, to return unto the Light, to search your Hearts by it, that ye may see the Deceit that lodgeth in you, and repent, and forsake the Evil of your Wayes, before the Lord bring upon you swift Destruction, and sweep you away with the Besome of his VVrath, for ye grieve his Spirit Day by Day; and although he spare you, and be slow to Anger, he will not acquit the wicked, but upon you who are stubborn and rebellious he will execute the Fierceness of his VVrath, and be avenged of you his Enemies, who will not that he reign over you, but before him ye shall be as Chaff before the VVind, and all your invented Wayes of Worship will he consume by the Breath of his Mouth, and by the Brightness of his Coming.

A Testimony from the Spirit of the Lord to all them that desire to know the Mind of the Lord, to warn you not to heap up Teachers according to your own Lusts, neither to believe every Spirit; but with the Measure of the Spirit God hath given unto you to discover Error, and every hidden Work of Darknes, try the Spirits whether they are of God; the Tree is known by the Fruit it brings forth; all who are in the first earthly *Adam*, they are in Sin, bringing forth what the Enemy of their Soul begets, every one short of the Glory of God, all having

having transgressed his righteous Law, so under the Curse; so all that in this Spirit is brought forth is Abomination to the Lord, for in this Spirit People worship not God in Truth, it's all in Deceit and Hypocrisie that from this Spirit proceeds.

In the same Spirit in which the Prophets testified against those that *drew nigh unto God with their Lips, and their Hearts were afar off*, do we bear Testimony against those that are Sayers and not Doers, that they are such as the Lord is wearied with their Sacrifices, and his Soul loaths them, Wolves in Sheeps Cloathing, having Christ's and the Saints VVords, but out of that Spirit they were in; for they are made manifest to be all in Transgression, for by the Spirit of the World they are led, which leads them into Sin daily, yet preaching and praying, pretending to worship God; but in this Spirit from whence these Fruits proceed God is not worshipped, neither did any ever come to receive the Knowledge of God, whilest by this Spirit they were led, nor come to be reconciled to God; but as Judgment comes to pass upon this Spirit, and as the Fruit that by it was brought forth comes to be consumed by the Spirit of Burning; so against this Spirit from whence Unrighteousness, Ungodliness, ungodly Thoughts, Words and Works are brought forth, we bear Testimony by the Spirit of the Lord, by which Spirits are tryed and discerned, and having proved all Things, we hold fast that which is good, our Faith being in God's Power, by which all whose Consciences are purged from dead VVorks are come to serve the living God, and are translated from Death to Life, who sometimes were dead now live to the Honour of God; and from the Spirit which raises up out of the Sleep of Sin and Security Fruits of Righteousness are brought forth, *being become the Workmanship of God created unto good Works, and he works both the Will and the Deed according to his good Pleasure*, and such know they are of God, because he hath given them of his Spirit, in which they seek him, and whatsoever they ask in his Name it is given them; all Power in Heaven and Earth is given to the Son, he it is that governs and rules in Righteousness all that by his Spirit are led.

The Fruits of this Spirit are Love, Peace and Joy, all who live

live in it do as they would be done unto, they love their Neighbours as themselves, they bless and curse not, they pray for them that hate them and despightfully use them, they daub not with untempered Morter, they handle not the Word of God deceitfully, they do not the Work of the Lord negligently, they having received from God the Knowledge of his Will, they declare unto People, according to the Gift they have received, what they have seen, tasted and felt of the Mercy, Love and Goodness of God, and knowing that God is a righteous Judge, and will not acquit the VVicked, but give every one a Reward according to their Doings, and having felt the Terrors of the Lord for Sin, perswade People to turn from Iniquity, and to serve the Lord in Newness of Life, in which his Peace and Blessing comes to be enjoyed; so as People come to be led by the Spirit, they witness the Comforter to be come, as many as are led by it, they take up a daily Cross to their own Wills, they think not their own Thoughts, nor speak their own Words, but are become Fools for Christ's sake, and lay down their Crowns at the Feet of the Lamb, and that which they had a Life in in the Times of Ignorance past, they now esteem as Dross and Dung, as to the Excellency of the Knowledge of Christ; and they rejoyce that *they are dead to the World, and the World dead to them; and so being dead to Sin, and alive to Righteousness, the Heart being pure, the Conscience purged from dead Works, God hath made the Body a fit Temple for himself to dwell in, and commits to such of his Heavenly Treasure: And unto some hath given Gifts for the Work of the Ministry, who as good Stewards minister according to the Ability that God hath given them, dividing the Word aright; beautiful on the Mountains are the Feet of such; and by all who by this Spirit are led, and from this Spirit minister to the People God is honoured; and such are to be honoured for their VVorks sake; but what Honour do wicked Men bring to God? or what Benefit do you expect from wicked and ungodly Men? Do Men gather Grapes of Thorns, or Figs of Thistles? Can a bitter Fountain send forth sweet Waters? Can good Fruit proceed from Men of corrupt Lives? So People be awakened, ye that are asleep in a care.*

careless Spirit, neither trying the Foundation ye build on, nor the Ground your Teachers stand on; for verily Ignorance this Day will not excuse you; for the Lord hath made known the Way of Life and Peace, his Hand is not shortened, nor his Ear heavy, neither doth any thing hinder you from God's Blessing and Peace, but Iniquity: Therefore return to the Light, that you may turn to God by Repentance and Amendment of Life, and find Mercy; for with him there is Mercy as you come to dwell in his Fear.

And all you that in Measure see the Blindness of your Teachers, and the Ungodliness that is brought forth by them, and also are dissatisfied with your own Conditions, that which shews this unto you is the Light, *Whatsoever makes manifest is Light*, unto it do you turn your Minds, and it will shine until the perfect Day; it is a Gift, a Talent given unto you to profit withal, if you improve it and live in it, you would then come out from amongst these blind Guides, who take upon them to shew you the Way of Life, but are out of it themselves, and so are not able to direct others; yet these unjust Men take your Money, and you are also unwise who have set such Men to work, and given them Wages, but the Work is undone, *the weighty Matters that concern Salvation and eternal Life you are ignorant of, the first Principle of pure Religion you know not, your House is not upon the Rock, your Faith is not a living Faith, so you are soon shaken and removed with the windy Doctrines of Men, and the Temptations of the Enemy, and led Captive at his Will, being from Christ the sure Foundation, he that opens the blind Eye, and unstops the deaf Ear, and causes the Dumb to speak, you know not, neither are you acquainted with his Power, which if you did come to be Witnesses of, by it you would be quickened, and raised up out of the State of Death, in which you all are, who are in the first Birth, in the earthly Adam, in Sin, separated from God.*

So although ye may pray, and seek the Blessing with Tears in this Birth, being to the Seed of the Serpent joyned, ye cannot prevail; the Blessing is not unto Seeds which are many, but to the one Seed Christ, he who washeth in his Blood, and clean-

seth from all Sin all who in his Name believe, whose Name is called, *The Word of God; And the Word became Flesh, and dwelt amongst us, and we beheld his Glory, the* Joh. 1. 14. *Glory of the only begotten of the Father, full of Grace and Truth;* a Measure of this Grace is given unto you, and as in it ye dwell, ye receive Grace for Grace; but if ye flight it, or turn from it, in that State such were of old ordained for Condemnation: So to the Light of Christ, the Way and the Truth manifested in you come ye, learn of him, be meek and lowly, so will ye come to see your Blindness, Nakedness and Barrenness; and all who desire to be redeemed out of this State; seek the Lord in his own Spirit, even in that which in you doth shew unto you your Conditions, that by it you may be cleansed from every evil Way and Work, that thereby ye may be a holy People, restored into the Estate in which Man was before he transgressed; into this Estate wait ye all to be gathered, t at the fulfilling of the Promise of God ye may all witness, the Seed of the Woman to bruise the Serpent's Head, the Serpent's Head, the Serpent's Power subdued, and the elect Seed in you all raised up, which in it if you wait on God, and in it seek his Face, the Sighs, Tears and Groans offered up in it will enter his Ear; and whatsoever Sins ye have committed, if ye repent and forsake, and turn to the Lord, you shall find Mercy; for though his Wrath is kindled against the wicked, and all that have sinned must bear his Indignation, yet if People come through Judgment, the River of Jordan, to be washed and made clean, and so come to learn Righteousness, and to be taught of God, guided by his good Spirit, that leads out of Unrighteousness into Righteousness, such shall come to know his Mercy and Forgiveness, as it is written, *Turn you to me* (saith the Lord) *and I will love you freely;* so being led by the Spirit of God, ye will come to the true Church, the Pillar and Ground of Truth, against which the Gates of Hell cannot prevail; but the Gates of Hell and Death prevail against all that despise and reject the Spirit of the Lord in themselves; so a Testimony for the Lord, and against all such, the Servants of the Lord are constrained to bear in this our Age, as they did in  
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Times past, so that if ye reject their Testimony, great will be your Condemnation; yea, it will be more tolerable for them to whom a Testimony hath not been born: So the Lord having given you of his good Spirit to profit with, and I his Servant having faithfully born a Testimony unto you, am clear of your Blood, and whether ye will hear or forbear ye are left without Excuse, and your Blood shall be on your own Heads.

*Ezek 13. 3.*

*Isa. 5. 9.*

And all you who separate your selves from the publick Worship of the Nation, but are found in Confusion, in Blindness, in Unbelief, in Unrighteousness, bringing forth evil Fruits, being in Pride, vain Glory, Deceit, Covetousness and Envy, these things proceed from *Adam*, the first Man that was earthly, whose Image you bear while such Fruits are brought forth by you, and in the Seed that is cursed ye are whilest in such things ye are found, and under the Wrath of God ye are that are Children of Disobedience; by Sin ye are separated from God, driven from his Presence, and are feeding upon the Dust, your Minds are in the Earth, your Affections set on Earthly Things, led by the Prince of the Air that rules in you; ye are every one short of the Glory of God, not one amongst you that doth Good and sins not: That out of this Condition you may be delivered, and from under the Curse may be brought, and out of Sin redeemed, which hath brought you all under the Wrath of God, a Measure of the Spirit of God is given to every one to profit withal; and what is to be known of God is manifest within, and unto you it makes manifest your Evil Deeds; bring your Deeds to the Light, try them whether they be wrought in God; the Light will shew you all Evil, as you yield Obedience unto it, you will thereby see the hidden Works of Darkness; there is no Deceit but it will make it manifest, for that which makes manifest is Light, and the Light comprehends Darkness, but Darkness cannot comprehend it: So seek not to comprehend the things of God in your dark Minds and vain Imaginations; for no Man knows the things of God, but by the Spirit of God.

Now all you who are in a Form of Worship, covered with a Profession of God, in whom Unrighteousness, Unbelief and Darkness remains, and Blindness is yet over your Minds, come to the Light of Christ, and be awakened, arise out of the Sleep of Sin and Security, ye that are bound with the Chains of Sin, and are by the cunning Devices of the Enemy led Captive at his Will, and are Bondslaves to him Term of Life, who cannot believe that you shall ever be free from Sin while you are here, and so have made a League with Hell, and a Covenant with Death; come all you to wait on God in that which doth discover to you your Conditions, that so Deliverance from the Body of Sin you may come to witness, even the Ax laid at the Root of the ungodly Tree, and a cutting down, and a breaking off of every Branch that from the corrupt Tree doth proceed, that ye may be Plants of Righteousness. the planting of God's right Hand, that he by you may be glorified, that you may be the Creation of God, created anew unto good Works; for every Tree is known by the Fruits it brings forth: So try the Spirit that rules in you by its Fruits, if in Sin ye yet remain, his Servants you are to whom you obey, if you fulfil the Lusts of the Flesh, you shall dye. Now you that are not redeemed from a vain Conversation, but are in Pride, following the Fashions of the World, in idle and foolish talking, not knowing a Bridle for the Tongue, your Religion is vain; you who are in disputing, jangling and contending about Christ's Words and the Saints Words, but are out of Christ's and the Saints Life and Doctrine, who are Sayers and not Doers, ye are not upon the right Foundation, Christ, the Author and Stay of the Mind in all Tryals and Afflictions you know not, neither are ye built upon him ye unwise Builders, ye refuse the chief Corner-stone, therefore are ye driven aside with every Wind, tossed to and fro, some of one Opinion and some of another, but all unstable, in Confusion, and covered with thick Darkness; the Clouds of the Night hath compassed you about on every Side, and you are as blind men that cannot find the Door; Christ the Way, the Truth and the Life, he who is Salvation to the Ends of the Earth is come, and his

his Fan is in his Hand, and he will throughly purge his Floor, to burn up the Chaff, and consume the Dross and the Tin, to purge to cleanse, to purifie every Vessel that he dwells in, to make fit for his Use all who are given up to serve him with their whole Hearts, in such he sits as a Refiner's Fire, to consume every earthly Thought and every evil Inclination of the Mind, and to destroy every unrighteous Thing that hath defiled his Creation, that in his Temple he may reign whose Right it is; to his Power you must all submit, every Knee bow, every Tongue confess to God, whose Judgments are just, and with him it is a righteous thing to recompence Vengeance on the Ungodly; so the Day of Vengeance shall you all know, every Particular of you, a Night of Sorrow, a time of Tribulation, an Hour of great Distress, yea, Pain and Anguish; you that have conceived Sin and brought forth Iniquity, unto that Birth doth Sorrow and Trouble belong; be not deceived you that sow to the Flesh, you shall of it reap Corruption, the Wages of Sin are Death, such as you sow, such shall you reap.

And all you whom God hath opened your Understandings in Measure, to see your own Conditions, and also them that were your Teachers, yea, whose Minds have been turned to the Light; and as you enclined thereunto God appeared unto you, by which a Desire after the Lord was begotten in you in the time that you there stood, even in the Day of your Tenderness God appeared to you, and in some Measure rent the Vail of Darkness off your Understandings through the Operation of his Power, a Love to God was begotten in you, but you not continuing in that Love, not keeping to the Power of God, which in the Beginning drew your Affections up to God, you returned with the Swine to the Mire, and Dog to the Vomit, and went again to hear those Men whose Doctrine and Life ye knew to be out of the Truth, for whom ye had no Esteem in your Hearts, by which ye have grieved God's Spirit, and caused the Light of his Countenance to be withdrawn from you, and Darkness is come over you, your Love to God and his People is quenched, and so the Night being come upon you, ye stumble and fall short of Life, the things that belong to your Peace being hid from your Eyes, the Enemy having sown an  
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evil Seed when you were asleep, your Eyes abroad in the Fool's State, not being in the Head, Christ, to driven aside with every Presentation of the Enemy, your Minds in the many things, in which you offend all, all out of the thing necessary, to which return you who are as Prodigals, who are feeding upon the Husks with the Swine; consider your Condition, is not Leanness over you? Is there not a Famine amongst you, not of Bread nor of Water, but of the Word of God? what Refreshment have you from God, that have quenched the Power of God, and are feeding upon the Tree of Knowledge, but not upon the Tree of Life, following the Desires of your own Hearts upholding a Worship and Way that the Lord is not the Author of; unto you the Lord saith, *Who hath required these things at your Hands; so be not deceived, such as you sow must you reap, if you sow to the Flesh, you must of it reap Corruption, if you sow to the Spirit, you shall of it reap Life eternal: So return to the Light*, and in the Light search your Hearts you unstable and double-minded People, you who have been invited to the Supper of the Lord, and are joyned to the Enemy of your Souls, and consulting with the earthly Part in you, joyning with the Reasoner, who presents to you the Glory, Riches, Pleasures and Honour of this World, and the Friendship of it, by which ye are overcome, and your Hearts drawn after it, the Enemy having gotten Possession in your Hearts, there is no Room for Christ, and it is with you according as it was said, *There was no Room for Christ in the Inn, it was filled with other Guests*, so in your Hearts, who are gone from the Anointing within, to hear Man; who receive not the Teaching of God, there is no Room to receive the Lord, who comes with his Fan in his Hand, thoroughly to purge his Floor; but ye being filled with Earthly carnal things, although he stands at the Door of your Hearts, and knock, you will not open, although by his still Voice he comes behind you, and reproves you for your Back slidings, ye will not return, but are as Bullocks unaccustomed to the Yoak, who will not take up the Yoak of Christ, because it is contrary to your carnal Minds, which are not subjected to the Power of God, which must be crucified and slain, before ye be Disciples of Christ; for Christ said, *He that loveth*

*any thing more then me is not worthy of me;* so in the Light come ye to prove what is the chiefest in your Hearts, what it is you love most, that which your Hearts are joynd unto that is your God, and ye worship it:— So you whose Minds are in things below, that which gathers your Affections unto God come ye all to know, and be not satisfied in your Backslidings from the Truth, but come to live in the Truth, and be not only separated from the Worshipps of the World, but come to the Worship of God, which is in Spirit and Truth, and in it wait, that ye may be made spiritually minded, *for to be carnally minded is Death*: So all who are in your carnal Minds, ye are alive to Sin, and dead to Righteousness; return to the Light of Christ in you, and be awakened, lest ye sleep the Sleep of Death; and come ye forth out of all that defileth you, and put off the Garment spotted with the flesh, ye that are yet joynd to the Spirit of this VWorld, bearing no Testimony for God, but are as Salt without Savour; ye who to your own VVills take up no Cross, you in this Condition shall never inherit the Crown; therefore come ye all to bow and submit to the Government of Jesus, come under his Yoak all of you, that ye may know Death upon the carnal Part to pass, even God's righteous Judgments to be executed upon the Man of Sin, for the Soul that sins must dye: So be not deceived, ye who are yet alive to Sin, ye are dead to Righteousness; ye who come not to know the earthly Birth slain, you are above the Cross, ye are not born again, so in this State ye cannot enter the Kingdom: So to you all that are at Ease in the Flesh I testifie in the Name of the Lord, his Wrath doth abide upon you, and although he be slow to Anger, yet he will not acquit the wicked, but he will come in Flames of Fire, to render Vengeance on those that know him not, and also on them that obey not his Gospel: So come ye all in the Light to search your Hearts, for verily the Day of the Lord as a Thief in the Night shall come upon you who are at Ease in your Minds; and though you may speak Peace to your selves, sudden Calamity shall come upon you, an Hour of Distress and Sorrow shall ye all know, who are making merry

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merry over God's Witness, not regarding the Reproofs of the Spirit of Truth, nor the Testimony that in it is born, yet the Lord is clear of your Blood; ye that know God's Will, and will not do it, ye shall be beaten with many Stripes.

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**U**Nto all you People, under what Name or Form of Religion soever you are, who are not acquainted with the Power of the Lord that redeems from a vain Conversation, I whom God hath visited in his eternal Love, and made a living Witness of his powerful Appearance, do in the Authority of his Power that hath wrought effectually in me to the subjecting of my Heart to his Will, bear Testimony against you all, who are in a Profession, a Form of Worship, and are not come to live in the Power of God, that would purge your Consciences from dead Works; you are all to be stripped of your Covering, and your Fig-leav'd Garments are to be rent off, and you to be made bare and naked, who are covered, and not with the Spirit of the Lord; therefore be awakened ye People, and fear before the Lord, who is come to search *Jerusalem* as with Candles; and turn unto, and prove, and try your Hearts in the Light of the Lord all ye who profess Love to God, for the Tree is known by the Fruits it brings forth; all who are led by the evil Spirit, they from the evil Ground bring forth evil Fruits; Lying, Deceit, Pride, Envy, Drunkenness, Uncleanneſs, Covetousness, and all manner of Evil proceeds from the Seed of the Serpent; all who are in this evil Seed, they are under the Wrath of God, Children of Wrath, and under the Condemnation of the Almighty; and out of this Estate there's none can be delivered, but as they come

to the Seed of the Woman, Christ Jesus, the Measure of his Light and Life manifested within, which as you joyn unto will suppress, bruise and bring under every carnal Thought and Desire, and work out all Deceit and Hypocrisie, all self-Love and carnal-mindedness; and you will as you love the Light, and are subject thereunto, be bowed down in your Minds because of Transgression, and be humbled for your Iniquities, then as you confess your Sins, and forsake them, God will have Mercy upon you, and pass by your Iniquities, and love you freely; but if you continue in Sin, and come not to repent and forsake your Sins, then will the Lord, who is a just and righteous Judge give you a Reward according to your Doings, yea, such as you sow shall ye reap, be not deceived, the Wages of Sin is Death: So ye that have sinned must know Sorrow, Tribulation and Anguish, and Death must pass upon the first man, upon the carnal Part in you all; ye must bear God's Indignation that have transgressed his Righteous Law; and his Judgments you must all come to know whilest you are here in this Life, or otherwise ye cannot escape his everlasting Wrath.

So in Love to your Souls this Testimony unto you all I bear, who am through the Mercy and loving-kindness of God made a Witness of his eternal Power, by which my Soul is translated from Death to Life, and I am changed in my Mind, and renewed in my Spirit, and am come to worship God in Spirit and Truth, and to praise him in the Beauty of Holiness: Blessed be the Name of the Lord forever, who hath

hath quickned, and made alive, and raised up, and restored me, and brought me out of the Estate of Condemnation into the feeling of his eternal Power, by which I witness Dominion over the Earth, and my Affections are set on Things that are heavenly; And now I having found him whom my Soul loveth, I am constrained to bear a Testimony of his Love and Faithfulness to the Children of men, and to call unto you my Neighbours, Friends and People, to come with me and taste how good the Lord is; for in Times past, when I with you followed the blind Guides, *such as preach for Hire, and divine for Money, who have a Form of Worship, but are ignorant of the Power of God,* and so are oppressing and grieving God's Spirit in themselves, and opposing his Power in others; when I followed these men, I knew not the true and living God, neither was I acquainted with his Power, by which Victory over the Temptations of the Enemy is obtained; and although I had a Desire to do well, and when I offended in Thought, Word or Deed I was grieved and troubled; but there was none could inform me how I should come to obtain Victory over Sin, which was a sore Burden to me; but as I enclined my Heart to the Light that let me see Sin, and as I kept in God's Fear, so I came to stand in Awe, and not to Sin, as I did in Times past, when I believed not in the Light; so I grew from Strength to Strength, and dyed to Sin, and lived to Righteousness: And now being quickned and made alive to God, and brought nigh to God, who was sometime afar off, *I do beseech you all that you be reconciled to Christ Jesus:*

A Measure of God's Spirit is given to you all to profit withal; the Fruits of this Spirit are Righteousness and Holiness: all who by it come to be guided, do as they would be done unto, they love their Neighbour as themselves, *they bless and curse not, they love their Enemies, they pray for them that hate them, and do Good to them that hate and despightfully use them*: all that are obedient to this Spirit, they are by the Operation and effectual Working of it made subject to the Will of God in all things, and they seek not themselves, but the Honour of God.

So in the Light which will let you see your Conditions, and deal plainly with you, examine what Spirit leads you; and be ye all exhorted, who are at Ease in your Minds, to come into Diligence, and labour in the Vineyard of God, and sit not down in a careless luke-warm Condition, neither make merry over God's Witness in you, by committing Sin daily, and grieving God's Spirit, by adding Sin to Sin, but be ye all subject to the leading of God's Spirit, which leads all who are guided by it out of Error into Truth; so by it be you guided, and ye shall enjoy God's Peace, and his everlasting Blessing shall be your Reward.

*I who am made a Partaker of God's free Love do, in the same Love wherewith God hath loved me, this Testimony unto you bear, that you may with me be made Partakers of his Love and heavenly Peace.*

John Lynam.

**A** Warning from the Lord unto all you Informers, who this day are found Fighters against God, who are as ravening Wolves lying in wait, as a Company of Robbers watching for your Prey, making a Prey upon the innocent to enrich your selves with the Goods of the Servants of the living God; repent ye wicked and ungodly men, for the Lord hath beheld your Wickedness, your Evil-doings are not hid from the Lord, he sees your Wickedness, your secret Conspiracies against the innocent; the Enemy of all Righteousness, the Devil, the old Informer is your Counsellor and Leader, he leads you into these evil Actions, he it is that moves in you, and you his Servants do his Work, and he acts in you, and you are his Instruments to work for him, evil-disposed men, whose Hearts are evil, and out of the Abundance of the Evil that lodgeth therein you bring forth these evil Fruits, *Lying, Cursed Speeches, Swearing, Falshood, Envy and Wrath*, and these things abound amongst you: Wo from the Lord God unto you all is now proclaimed, and sore Calamity shall come upon you bloody-minded men; weep & mourn all you that have risen up against the innocent, who have secretly conspired Mischief against your Neighbours, and have sought to ruine and impoverish the Families of such as have laboured honestly with their Hands to maintain themselves and their Families, who are subject to the Lord, and to every Ordinance of man that is for Conscience-sake; and so be-

ing guided by the righteous Law of God, we are not guilty of the Breach of any, righteous Law made by man; but you being Evil-minded men, your Deeds are for Condemnation, and the Light of Christ in your own Consciences condemns you, that are found in those evil Actions, and by the Light of Christ are you judged in the Consciences of all People that see and know your evil Deeds; Wrath and Misery everlastingly shall come upon you, if you come not for your evil Deeds to Repentance; and if you shall yet take Counsel of the wicked One, the old Informer, the Devil, that works in the Hearts of you all that are found in these evil Deeds with him in utter Darkness shall your Portion be forever, except you repent.

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